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Affrilachian Poets

P.O. Box 14057
Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0057

Email: info@affrilachianpoets.com
Website: www.affrilachianpoets.com

A grassroots group of poets of color living in the Appalachian region. The term was coined by Frank X Walker and poets and fiction writers identified with the movement including Nikki Finney, Kelly Ellis, and Paul Taylor.

American Antiquarian Society

Artists & Writers Fellowships
185 Salisbury St
Worcester, MA 01609-1634

Contact: 508.471.2131 or 508.471.2149
Web Site: www.americanantiquarian.org
Email: library@mwa.org

The AAS is a national research library and learned society of American history and culture. They accept applications for visiting fellowships in historical research by creative performing artists, writers, filmmakers, journalists and other persons whose goals are to produce imaginative, non-formulaic works dealing with pre-20th century American History. Successful applicants are those whose work is for the general public rather than for academic or educational audiences.

AWP The Association of Writers and Writing Programs

Mail Stop 1E3
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA 22030-4444

Contact: 703.993.4301
Web Site: www.awpwriter.org

AWP lists writing programs by state. It includes: Ky Center/Governor's School for the Arts, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Spalding University, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University.

Blair Mountain Press

2027 Oakview Road
Ashland, KY 41101

Contact: 606.324.2266
Website: www.blairmtp.com
Email: bettyhuff@alltell.net

Blair Mountain Press was founded in 1999 when a small group of Appalachian writers decided to establish a press with the aim of publishing their work as it relates to the region and to the environment. The Press continues publishing today.

Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning

251 West Second Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Contact: 859.254.4175
Website: www.carnegieliteracy.org
Email: kgreene@carnegieliteracy.org

The Carnegie Center is a non-profit family learning center devoted to helping all citizens improve their quality of life. It offers seasonal classes in Writing, Computer Literacy, and Foreign Language; tutoring for students ages 6-16; youth and family programs and exhibits, readings, and other arts-related events designed to encourage an appreciation for all art forms and for learning in general.

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Green River Writers

103 Logsdon Court
Louisville, KY 40243

Contact: 502.245.4902
Website: www.greenriverwriters.org

Green River Writers is a not-for-profit organization founded in Kentucky in 1984 to support writers through education, promotion and fellowship. Nearly two decades later, Green River Writers continues to encourage poets and writers by offering workshops, retreats, monthly critique sessions, an annual writing contest and a tri-annual newsletter.

Kentucky Book Fair

Web Site: www.kybookfair.org
Email: kybookfair@ky.gov

The Kentucky Book Fair, which began in 1981, was a recent recipient of the Governor's Award in the Arts. The book fair is Kentucky's premier literary event and one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

Kentucky Poet Laureate Program

Kentucky Arts Council
500 Mero St
21st Fl Capital Plaza Tower
Frankfort, KY 40601

Contact: 502.564.3757 or 888.833.2787
Web Site: http://artsCouncil.ky.gov/guide/prog1/poet_gdl.html
Email: kyarts@ky.gov

The KY Poet Laureate is selected following a public call for nominations, coordinated by the Kentucky Arts Council. Nominees must reside in Kentucky, have a long association with the commonwealth, and have a critically acclaimed published body of work. An independent panel reviews the nominations and submits its recommendation's to the Governor for appointment.

Kentucky State Poetry Society

P.O. Box 24
South Shore, KY 41175

Website: www.kystatepoetrysociety.org
Email: sadkins932@aol.com

The Kentucky State Poetry Society (KSPS) was founded in 1966 by a group of Kentuckians with a love for poetry. Among this group was Jesse Stuart, Kentucky Poet Laureate, who continued to support KSPS until his death in 1984. In addition, KSPS is a proud member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. KSPS offers a venue of support for many programs, to include the acknowledgement of the accomplishments of various state members and opportunities for recognition in poetry- most importantly, perhaps, to student writers. KSPS is committed to supporting the writers of America's future and joins NFSPS in that goal.

Ky Women Writers Conference

232 E Maxwell St
Lexington, KY 40506-0344

Contact: 859.257.2874
Web Site: www.uky.edu/wwk
Email: info@gmail.com

Kentucky Women Writers Conference has become a premier destination for women writers at all stages of development—published and unpublished—and their festival of free events gathers a lively community of readers.

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Southern Kentucky Book Fest and Writers Conference

Western Kentucky University Libraries
1906 College Heights Blvd. #11067
Bowling Green, KY. 42101-1067

Contact: 270.745.6977
Website: www.sokybookfest.org
Email: diana.mcquady@wku.edu

The Southern Kentucky Book Fest is presented by WKU Libraries, Bowling Green Public Library, and Barnes and Noble Booksellers. Held annually during National Library Week, the Book Fest draws thousands of readers of all ages who welcome the occasion to meet their favorite authors. Authors who have appeared here in the past include: Pat Conroy, Scott Turow, Rick Bragg, Janette Oke, Sue Grafton, David Buldacci, Avi, Marsha Mason, Homer Hickam, Karen Robards, David Halberstam, John Carpenter, LeVar Burton, R. L. Stine, and Dick Schaap. The Book Fest is preceded by the Writers Conference.

The University Press of Kentucky

663 South Limestone Street
Lexington, KY 40508-4008

Contact: 800.839.6855
Website: <http://www.kentuckypress.com/index.cfm>

The University Press of Kentucky has a dual mission—the publication of books of high scholarly merit in a variety of fields for a largely academic audience and the publication of books about the history and culture of Kentucky, the Ohio Valley region, the Upper South, and Appalachia. The Press is the statewide mandated nonprofit scholarly publisher for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, operated as an agency of the University of Kentucky and serving all state institutions of higher learning, plus five private colleges and Kentucky's two major historical societies. The UPK website includes guidelines for submissions.

Wind Publications

600 Overbrook Dr
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Website: <http://windpub.com>
Email: books@windpub.com

Wind Publications is publisher of Southern writers in a variety of genres. The website includes advice on getting published.

Sarabande Books

2234 Dundee Rd
Ste 200
Louisville, KY 40205-1845

Contact: 502.458.4028
Web Site: www.sarabandebooks.org
Email: sgorham@sarabandebooks.org

Provides competition and publishing opportunities for writers.

Writer's Retreat Workshop

Web Site: www.writersretreatworkshop.com

Since 1987 small groups of writers have been attending these retreats to sharpen their writing skills.

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Statewide

bookclub@ket

600 Cooper Drive
Lexington, KY 40502

Contact: 859.258.7000
Website: <http://www.ket.org/bookclub>

bookclub@ket is a television series showcasing Kentucky literature, produced by KET. In one new program each month, host Bill Goodman and a panel of readers discuss a book by a Kentucky writer or about Kentucky—including both contemporary and classic fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

KET Living By Words

Web Site: www.ket.org/livingbywords

Advice for students and teachers from a distinguished panel of writers, including Wendell Berry, James Baker Hall, Bobbie Ann Mason, and many more. Learn about writing programs in KY too!

KYLIT

Web Site: www.english.eku.edu/SERVICES/KYLIT

This site is devoted to the study of both native Kentucky writers and those who have chosen Kentucky as their home. It is a collaborative effort, started by one dedicated class and their teacher, and now maintained by the English Department at Eastern Kentucky University.

KY Poets Laureate

KY Department of Libraries & Archives
PO Box 537
300 Coffee Tree Rd
Frankfort, KY 40602-0537

Contact: 502.564.8300
Web Site: www.kdla.ky.gov/resources/kypoetlaureate.htm

Featured are Kentucky's Poets Laureate and some of their poetical works available for check out from the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives. To reserve books from this list, librarians may contact: Interlibrary Loan at 502.564.8300, ext. 327. Members of the general public may request materials by contacting their public library, or check materials out on-site with a KDLA library card.

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National

The Academy of American Poets

584 Broadway, Suite 604
New York, NY 10012-5243

Contact:

Contact: 212.274.0343

Website: www.poets.org

Email: academy@poets.org

The Academy of American Poets was founded in 1934 to support American poets at all stages of their careers and to foster the appreciation of contemporary poetry. To fulfill this mission, the Academy administers a wide variety of programs, including National Poetry Month (April), the largest literary celebration in the world; online educational resources providing free poetry lesson plans for high school teachers; the Poetry Audio Archive, and a collection of over 700 recordings dating back to the 1960s.

The Authors Guild

31 E 32nd St
7th Fl
New York, NY 10016

Contact: 212.563.5904

Email: staff@authorsguild.org

For more than 90 years the Guild has been the authoritative voice of American writers.

Guild of Book Workers

521 5th Ave
New York, NY 10175-0038

Web Site: <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw/>

Email: publicity@guildofbookworkers.allmail.net

The Guild of Book Workers was founded in 1906 to "establish and maintain a feeling of kinship and mutual interest among workers in the several hand book crafts." Among its early members are well-known artist-craft workers such as bookbinder Edith Diehl and printers and typographers W.A. Dwiggins and Frederic W. Goudy.

National Writers Association

10940 S Parker Rd
#508
Parker, CO 80134

Contact: 303.841.0246

Web Site: www.nationalwriters.com

Email: anitaedits@aol.com

The National Writers Association Foundation exists to enhance the future of writers by fostering continuing education through awarding scholarships and providing no or low cost workshops and seminars. A non-profit organization, it provides education and an ethical resource for writers at all levels of experience.

Poetry Foundation

444 N Michigan Ave
Ste 1850
Chicago, IL 60611-4034

Contact: 312.787.7070

Web Site: www.poetryfoundation.org

The Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine, is an independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture. It exists to discover and celebrate the best poetry and to place it before the largest possible audience.

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Magazines

The Academy of American Poets

584 Broadway
Ste 604
New York, NY 10012-5243

Contact: 212.274.0343
Web Site: [www.poets.org/state.php/
varstate/ky](http://www.poets.org/state.php/varstate/ky)
Email: academy@poets.org

The academy has a biannual journal, *American Poet*, which provides a panorama of the contemporary poetic landscape.

Appalachian Heritage

CPO 2166
Berea, KY 40404

Contact: 859.985.3699
Email: appalachianheritage@berea.edu
Website: [http://community.berea.edu/
appalachianheritage](http://community.berea.edu/appalachianheritage)

Since 1973, *Appalachian Heritage* has been a leading literary magazine of the Southern Appalachian Region. *Appalachian Heritage* publishes poetry, short stories, and literary biography and criticism, as well as photography and art. The magazine includes reviews of regional books, listings of literary events, and literary news.

The Louisville Review, Fleur-de-Lis Press

Spalding University
851 South Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203

Contact: 502.585.9911, ext. 2777
Website: <http://www.louisvillereview.org/>
Email: louisvillereview@spalding.edu

The Louisville Review, housed at Spalding University since 1998, was founded in 1976 at the University of Louisville by faculty editor Sena Jeter Naslund and two students. Known for excellence nationwide and abroad, *The Louisville Review* has recently published such well-known writers as poets David Ray and Michael Burkhard and NY Times bestseller fiction writer Ursula Hegi. The goal of the magazine continues to be to import the best writing to local readers, to juxtapose the work of established writers with new writers, and to export the best local writers to a national readership. Each poem and story submitted to *TLR* is judged entirely on its own merit whether the author is already nationally known or previously unpublished. In 1996, to celebrate twenty years of continuous magazine publication, the Fleur-de-Lis Press was launched.

The Pikeville Review

Humanities Division
Pikeville College
147 Sycamore Street
Pikeville, KY 41501

Email: sengland@pc.edu
Website: <http://humanities.pc.edu/review/>

Founded in 1987, *The Pikeville Review* is an annual publication of contemporary fiction, poetry, creative essays, and book reviews. There is no particular editorial bias at *The Review*, either geographically or thematically. Quality and a concern for craft are the only true requirements for acceptance, the determining factor being work which demonstrates an aesthetic balance between content and form. Though *The Review* publishes the work of a number of established writers from within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and around the country, we are equally open to submissions from new and unpublished writers.

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Magazines *continued*

Poetry Magazine

Editorial Offices
444 N Michigan Ave
Ste 1850
Chicago, IL 60611

Contact: 312.787.7070
Web Site: www.poetrymagazine.org/magazine
Email: editors@poetrymagazine.org

Poetry magazine is published by the Poetry Foundation.

Poets & Writers Magazine

PO Box 543
Mt Morris, IL 61054

Contact: 815.734.1123
Web Site: www.pw.org/mag

Poets & Writers Magazine includes a comprehensive list of literary grants and awards deadlines and prize winners. It is a primary source for what creative writers need to know and also includes a teacher's guide.

Spalding University Creative Writing Program

851 S. Fourth St.
Louisville, KY 40203

Contact: 502.585-9911 x 2423
Website: www.spalding.edu/mfa
Email: mfa@spalding.edu

Spaulding University offers a brief-residency program for the MFA in Creative Writing, with concentrations in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, writing for children, playwriting, and screenwriting.

Teachers & Writers Magazine

Web Site: www.twc.org/pubs

Teachers and Writers Magazine's current list represents a rich diversity of writers, grade-levels and genres. It offers readers a rich array of educational and writerly insights; covers a cross section of contemporary issues and innovations in education and writing; and engages writers, educators, critics and students in a conversation on the nature of creativity and the imagination.

University of Kentucky Writing Program

University of Kentucky
The Writing Program
1221 Patterson Office Tower
Lexington, KY 40506-0027

Contact: 859.257.7002
Website: www.uky.edu/AS/English/writprog/index.html
Email: write@uky.edu

The University of Kentucky Writing Program offers course work in academic, creative, technical, and environmental writing.

Western Kentucky University

Department of English
1906 College Heights Blvd. #11086
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1086

Contact: 270.745.3043
Website: <http://www.wku.edu/English>

Western Kentucky University offers an MA in English with five options: literature, creative writing, rhetoric and composition, teaching English as a second language, and teaching.

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Writer's Digest

Web Site: www.writersdigest.com

Writer's Digest features the latest markets for print, online, and e-publishing; tools of the trade including the latest advice; information on software books and web resources; and business information especially for writers.

Books

Hooked

Author: Les Edgerton

Hooked provides readers with a detailed understanding of what a beginning must include (setup, backstory, the inciting incident, etc.); instruction on how to successfully develop the story problem; tips on how to correct common beginning mistakes; exclusive insider advice from agents, acquiring book editors, and literary journal editors; and much more.

How to Tell A Story

Authors: Peter Rubie & Gary Provost

Web Site: <http://garyprovost.com/work3.htm>

How to Tell A Story combines the renowned instruction of the late Gary Provost with the literary savvy of his colleague Peter Rubie to show you how to transform your fiction, nonfiction or screenplay idea into a captivating tale sure to find an audience. Drawing on Provost's proven philosophies, *How to Tell A Story* examines every facet of storytelling, from narrative hooks to fulfilling climaxes. Through advice, exercises, and an outstanding array of examples, you'll learn to create gripping narratives powered by strong characters. You'll discover the secrets of sequencing, of weaving subplots into rich stories, of manipulation story pace to increase conflict, tension and surprise.

Make Your Words Work

Author: Gary Provost

Web Site: <http://garyprovost.com/work2.htm>

Make your words work is a website for fiction and nonfiction writers.

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Writer Mama

Author: Christina Katz

Web Site: <http://thewritermama.com>

Writer Mama is the busy mom's guide to the writing life. It gives stay-at-home moms the encouragement and advice they need including everything from getting started and finding ideas to actually finding time to do the work as well as advice on how to network, form a business and instruction on crafting fiction, nonfiction and children's writing.

Web Sites

Guide to Literary Agents

Web Site: www.guidetoliteraryagents.com

The guide to Literary Agents website aides writers in finding agents.

Literary Arts Information

Web Site: www.geocities.com/indylit

The Independent Literature Institute (IndyLit) is a nonprofit cooperative that seeks to enhance the public's understanding of independently published authors and their works. Through educational outreach programs, involvement in state and local literary venues, and information to assist independent publishers and authors, IndyLit hopes to enhance the exposure of the important work being produced independently.

Kentucky Literary Directory

Website: <http://windpub.com/kydirectory.htm>

Kentucky Literary Directory links to pages for authors, organizations (including publishers and writers groups, magazines, and book fairs.

Kentucky Literary News

Web Site: <http://windpub.com/current.htm>

Email: Litnews@windpub.com

Literary News includes information on poetry and fiction readings, new book releases, literature, poetry, writing workshops and retreats, book fairs, and festivals.

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NewPages.com

PO Box 1580
Bay City, MI 48706

Contact: 989.671.0081

Web Site: www.newpages.com/literary/writing_conferences.htm

Email: newpagesonline@hotmail.com

NewPages.com is a searchable list of writing conferences, workshops, and retreats throughout the US. Search by state.

Poets.org

The Academy of American Poets
584 Broadway, Suite 604
New York, NY 10012-5243

Contact: 212.274.0343

Website: www.poets.org

Email: academy@poets.org

Poets.org is the award-winning website from The Academy of American Poets. It provides a wealth of content on contemporary American poetry. The website includes state pages that includes links to poets and their poems, writing workshops and classes, and other resources.

Sherry Chandler.com

Website: http://sherrychandler.com/?page_id=941

Sherry Chandler.com is a collection of links to the websites of Kentucky authors.

Southern Scribe

Web Site: www.southernscribe.com/resources/resources.htm

Email: joyce@southernscribe.com

Southern Scribe's mission is to provide a clearinghouse of information for working writers in the South and for those writing about the southern region. This information includes: resources for writing opportunities; research; and regional book news. It celebrates Southern writing by being a source of reviews of regional books; providing a list of regional authors; and discussing the region in a monthly zine.

The Writers Store

Contact: 866.229.7483

Web Site: www.writersstore.com

A source for writers and filmmakers.